Bofors Scandal

†*140. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some officers of the administration had extended help to the main accused of Bofors scam Ottovio Quattrochi in fleeing from India;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government have identified these officers; and

(d) if so, the names of said officers and the administrative departments where they are posted at present alongwith their present designations?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Opening of new coal mines

767. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been considering to open several new coal mines in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the total investment likely to be required to open new coal mines have been assessed;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of sources through which amount is likely to be mobilised; and

(e) the time by which the task of opening new coal mines is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Several new coal mines have been identified by Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited which are to be taken up during

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